1	2	3	4	5	6
14	Maharashtra	4.18	190.52	45.58	11294
15	Manipur	1.55	35.25	22.80	0
16	Meghalaya	1.09	31.03	28.52	7474
17	Mizoram	1.73	50.46	29.21	0
18	Nagaland	0.86	7.86	9.14	0
19	Orissa	5.97	206.94	34.67	6715
20	Punjab	0.42	8.85	21.24	104
21	Rajasthan	49.55	2775.62	56.02	487097
22	Sikkim	0.20	7.32	36.98	86
23	Tamil Nadu	26.41	702.34	26.59	27676
24	Tripura	4.61	115.71	25.09	0
25	Uttar Pradesh	23.05	986.02	42.78	137616
26	Uttaranchal	0.88	29.97	34.13	232
27	West Bengal	20.16	334.26	16.58	997
	TOTAL	293.46	10928.02	37.24	1157216

Provision of pure drinking water for Orissa

601. SHRI B.J. PANDA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide Rs.670 crores to the Orissa Government to fight fluoride content in water with a view to provide pure drinking water to the people in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan of the Centre to help the State to ensure provision of pure drinking water to all the villages/ schools in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (c) Rural water supply is a state subject and State governments are primarily responsible to provide drinking water to the rural habitations. To supplement the efforts of the State Governments, financial assistance is provided to the States through the centrally sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). State Governments are competent to plan, sanction, implement and execute rural water supply schemes from funds provided under ARWSP. To ensure availability of potable drinking water in all rural habitations within a timeframe, under Bharat Nirman programme launched by the Government of India in 2005-06 to be

implemented in four years, rural drinking water has been included as one of the components. Under Bharat Nirman - rural drinking water, all uncovered and slipped-back habitations are to be covered and water quality-affected habitations are to be addressed including schools to enable the people to have access to safe drinking water.

Under Bharat Nirman programme, Orissa has reported 504 habitations affected with Fluoride contamination. To address the water quality problems in drinking water in a focused manner, Revised Submission on water quality was launched in 2006-07 and upto 20% of ARWSP fund can be utilized for the same. Under the Revised Submission on water quality, Orissa has been provided Rs. 17, 47.22 lakh in 2006-07 and Rs. 123, 03.00 lakh in 2007-08. In 2008-09, Orissa has been allocated Rs.298,68.00 lakh under ARWSP out of which, the State can utilize up to 20% of the total fund on addressing water quality problems *inter alia* which includes fluoride contamination in drinking water.

Connecting villages with link road

602. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to connect each village with a link road;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of villages, particularly in Himachal Pradesh, connected so far with a link road under PMGSY;

(d) the names and number of more villages which will be connected with the link road during the current financial year; and

(e) whether Government will also connect Magwani-Nandla link road under Chirgaon Tehsil in Shimla District during the current financial year as the population of Nandla village is more than 1000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The objective of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is to provide Connectivity, by way of an All-weather Road, to the eligible unconnected Habitations in the rural areas, in such a way that all Unconnected Habitations with a population of 500 persons and above are covered. In respect of the Hill States (North-East, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand) and Desert areas (as identified by Desert Development Programme) as well as the Tribal (Schedule V) areas, the objective is to connect Habitations with a population of 250 persons and above. Using these eligibility criteria, it is proposed to connect 1, 66,994 habitations under the scheme.

(c) So far, 2,304 habitations have been connected with a link road under PMGSY in Himachal Pradesh. This includes habitations having population less than 250 persons which are incidentally connected while connecting habitations eligible under PMGSY.

(d) Proposals for sanction under New connectivity /Upgradation for the road works to be taken up under PMGSY during the current financial year are yet to be received from the State of Himachal Pradesh. However, out of the projects already sanctioned and under different stages of implementation, about 300 habitations are being targeted for providing connectivity under PMGSY in the current year.